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*The following indications are again used throughout: ** VERY GOOD; * GOOD; and where we feel that a book is either negligible or poor, we indicate it by o OMIT. Only 1953 titles are included.*

PICTURE-STORY BOOKS

Author	*Title*	*Publisher*	*Price*	*Page*
Byrd & Martin	THE LONELIEST CHICKEN	Macmillan	$1.00	693
Krum, Charlotte	THE FOUR RIDERS	Wilcox & Follett	2.00	693
Martin & Byrd	THE LONELIEST CHICKEN	Macmillan	1.00	693
Rowand, Phyllis	IT IS NIGHT	Harper	$1.75 & 2.25	666
Tresselt, Alvin	*FOLLOW THE ROAD	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.00	759
Williams, Garth	*BABY FARM ANIMALS	Simon & Schuster	1.00	709

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

BOOK-ELF GIANTS				
Jones, Mary Alice	MY FIRST BOOK ABOUT JESUS	Rand McNally	1.00	759
Stahlmann, C.	JACK JINGLE'S WISH	Rand McNally	1.00	760
Coatsworth, Elizabeth	DOG STORIES	Simon & Schuster (Giant Golden Book)	1.95	709
Eldon & Phipps	THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS	David McKay	2.00	693
Evans, Eva Knox	THE STORY OF SU-SU	David McKay	2.50	693
Fitch, Florence Mary	A BOOK ABOUT GOD	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.00	
Garretto	GLOGLO	Roy	2.75	760
GIANT GOLDEN BOOKS				
Fletcher & Werner	WALT DISNEY'S TREASURY	Simon & Schuster	2.95	
Sewell, Helen	THE GOLDEN CHRISTMAS MANGER	Simon & Schuster	1.95	737
Werner, Elsa J.- *Ed.*	THE GOLDEN BIBLE	Simon & Schuster	2.95	738
Gordon, Patricia	THE HEIR TO CHRISTMAS	Viking	2.00	694
Hader, Berta & Elmer	THE FRIENDLY PHOEBE	Macmillan	2.25	666
Jupo, F. J.	THE MAILBOX TAKES A HOLIDAY	Macmillan	1.00	666
Louden, Claire & George	RAIN IN THE WINDS	Scribner	2.50	694
Maclellan & Schroll	SUZY AND THE DOG SCHOOL	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	1.75	666
Mariana	HOTSPUR	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	1.25	759
Neurath, Marie	THE WONDER WORLD OF BIRDS	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	1.50	666
O'Neill, Jean	COTTON TOP	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.50	759
Phipps & Eldon	THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS	David McKay	2.00	693
Politi, Leo	THE MISSION BELL	Scribner	2.25	694
Rogers, Franke	THE ROBIN FAMILY KEEPS CHRISTMAS	Lothrop, Lee & Sherpard	2.00	759
Schlein, Miriam	*WHEN WILL THE WORLD BE MINE?	Young Scott	2.25	737
Schroll & Maclellan	SUZY AND THE DOG SCHOOL	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	1.75	666
Steiner, Charlotte	KIKI GOES TO CAMP	Doubleday	1.50	666
Thomas, Joan Gale	A IS FOR ANGEL	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	1.00	737
Tudor, Tasha	*EDGAR ALLAN CROW	Oxford	1.75	737
Webb, Clifford	*A JUNGLE PICNIC	Warne	2.00	694
Woodhead, Constance	oTHE STORY OF LAZY BUSH-TAIL	Warne	1.00	694

EASY READING

Barr, Gene	BAKER BILL	Whitman	$1.25	760
Barr, Gene	MIKE, THE MILKMAN	Whitman	1.25	760
Blyton, Enid	THE WONDERFUL CARPET: THE RABBIT'S PARTY: SUSAN AND THE BIRDS	St. Martin's Press (Enid Blyton's Nature Books)	ea. 1.50	738
Bulla, Clyde Robert	*STAR OF WILD HORSE CANYON	Crowell	2.00	696
Buntain, Ruth J.	THE BIRTHDAY STORY	Holiday House	2.00	667
Davis, Lavinia R.	DANNY'S LUCK	Doubleday	2.50	667
Jackson, C. Paul	*GIANT IN THE MIDGET LEAGUE	Crowell	2.00	696
Otto, Margaret G.	*COCOA	Henry Holt	2.00	760
Quigg, Jane	FUN FOR FREDDY	Oxford	2.75	697
Smith, Eunice Young	SAM'S BIG MONEY	Whitman	1.75	697

REPRINTS & INEXPENSIVE JUVENILES

BOOK-ELF BOOKS		Rand McNally	.25	695
Broderick, Jessica P.	*FIND THE WAY HOME	Rand McNally (Book Elf)	.25	695
Devine, Louise L.	*FUNLAND PARTY	Rand McNally (Book Elf)	.25	695
GOLDEN PLAY BOOKS		(Simon & Schuster)	.50	709
Grahame, Kenneth	THE RELUCTANT DRAGON	Holiday House	2.00	667
Jones, Mary Alice	*STORIES OF THE CHRIST CHILD	Rand McNally (Book Elf)	.25	695
Kelly, Eric P.	IN CLEAN HAY	Macmillan	1.25	738
LITTLE GOLDEN BOOKS		Simon & Schuster	.25	696
McDowell, David	ROBERT E. LEE	Random House	1.00	709
Shaw, Thelma & Ralph	OUTDOOR FUN	Rand McNally (Book Elf)	.25	695
Vance, Eleanor G.	ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD	Random House	1.00	709
Werner, Jane	*ANIMAL FRIENDS	Simon & Schuster (Little Golden Books)	.25	696

FICTION- 8-11

Bro, Margueritte H.	THREE---- AND DOMINGO	Doubleday	2.00	710
Brooks, Walter R.	FREDDY AND THE SPACE SHIP	Knopf	3.00	710
Coomer & Witty	SALOME GOES TO THE FAIR	Dutton	2.50	698
Dick, Trella L.	TORNADO JONES	Wilcox & Follett	2.95	738
Garst, Shannon	TEN GALLON HAT	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	2.75	667
Henry, Margueritte	**BRIGHTY OF THE GRAND CANYON	Rand McNally	2.95	710
Kalashnikoff, Nicholas	MY FRIEND YAKUB	Scribner	2.75	667
Lansing, Elisabeth H.	A PONY WORTH SALT	Crowell	2.00	697
Lovelace, Maud Hart	WINONA'S PONY CART	Crowell	2.00	697
Montgomery, Mabel	DAVID'S FISHING SUMMER	Wilcox & Follett	2.50	739
Rietveld, Jane	WILD DOG	Wilcox & Follett	2.50	711
Seymour, Alta H.	*THE CHRISTMAS DONKEY	Wilcox & Follett	2.50	711
Stack, Nicolete M.	TWO TO GET READY	Caxton	3.50	697
Warner, Gertrude C.	THE YELLOW HOUSE MYSTERY	Whitman	2.50	761
Witty & Coomer	SALOME GOES TO THE FAIR	Dutton	2.50	698

NON-FICTION- 8-11

Blassingame, Wyatt	GREAT TRAINS OF THE WORLD	Random House	1.00	699
Brooks, Walter R.	THE COLLECTED POEMS OF FREDDY THE PIG	Knopf	2.50	710
Chandoha, Walter	ALL KINDS OF DOGS	Knopf	3.50	711
Clark, Garel	THE COOK-A-MEAL COOK BOOK	Young Scott	2.50	739
Dudley, Ruth H.	SEA SHELLS	Crowell	2.00	698

NON-FICTION- 8-11 (Cont.)

GIANT GOLDEN BOOKS				
Peter, John	MCCALL'S GIANT GOLDEN MAKE - IT BOOK	Simon & Schuster	$2.95	739
Hogner, Dorothy Childs	EARTHWORMS	Crowell	2.00	698
Hussey & Pessino	COLLECTING COCOONS	Crowell	2.00	698
Judson, Clara I.	THEODORE ROOSEVELT	Wilcox & Follett	3.50	739
Meyer, Jerome S.	PICTURE BOOK OF ELECTRICITY	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.50	761
Morrison, Lillian	BLACK WITHIN AND RED WITHOUT	Crowell	2.00	711
Pessino & Hussey	COLLECTING COCOONS	Crowell	2.00	698
Schneider, H. & N.	MORE POWER TO YOU	Young Scott	2.50	740
Smith & Zim	*REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS	Simon & Schuster (Golden Nature Guide)	1.50	739
UNITED STATES BOOKS				
Bailey, Bernadine	PICTURE BOOK OF MINNESOTA	Whitman	1.25	699
	PICTURE BOOK OF GEORGIA	Whitman	1.25	699
	PICTURE BOOK OF ALABAMA	Whitman	1.25	699
Zim & Smith	REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS	Simon & Schuster (Golden Nature Guide)	1.00/1.50	739

FICTION- 12-16

Beers, Lorna	THE CRYSTAL CORNERSTONE	Harper	2.50	712
Brucker, Margaretta	SUMMER DATE	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	2.75	668
Carr, Harriet H.	GRAVEL GOLD	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	2.75	668
Carter, Bruce	INTO A STRANGE LOST WORLD	Crowell	2.50	668
Falk, Elsa	FOG ISLAND	Wilcox & Follett	2.75	740
Heinlein, Robert A.	STARMAN JONES	Scribner	2.50	668
Meader, Stephen W.	SPARKPLUG OF THE HORNETS	Harcourt, Brace	2.75	699
Meek, Col. S. P.	OMAR	Knopf	3.00	712
Millikin, Virginia G.	LET'S GO HOME	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.50	761
Richard, James Robert	QUARTERBACK ALL AMERICAN	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.50	740
Smith, Robert	FOOTBALL TWINS	Barnes (Jr.Sports Novel)	2.00	740
Verral, Charles Spain	CAPTAIN OF THE ICE	Crowell	2.50	668
Whitney, Phyllis	STEP TO THE MUSIC	Crowell	2.75	699

NON-FICTION- 12-16

ALL ABOUT BOOKS				
Gould, Jack	ALL ABOUT RADIO AND TELE-VISION	Random House	1.95	700
Buehr, Walter	THE STORY OF LOCKS	Scribner	2.00	712
Burlingame, Roger	MACHINES THAT BUILT AMERICA	Harcourt, Brace	3.50	700
Kugelmass, J. Alvin	J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER	Messner	2.75	669
Leach, Maria	THE SOUP STONE	Funk & Wagnalls	2.75	740
McDonald, Christine	YOUNG FOLKS BIBLE QUIZ BOOK	World	2.00	669
McNeer & Ward	*THE MEXICAN STORY	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	3.95	669
Ross, Frank Jr.	SPACE SHIPS AND SPACE TRAVEL	Lothrop, Lee & Shepard	2.75	741
Ward & McNeer	*THE MEXICAN STORY	Ariel- Farrar, Straus	3.95	669

FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Forbes, Esther	RAINBOW ON THE ROAD	Houghton, Mifflin	3.50	741
McFee, William- *Ed.*	JOSEPH CONRAD: TALES OF LAND AND SEA	Hanover House (Doubleday)	2.95	712

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NON-FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

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Barzini, Luigi Jr.	AMERICANS ARE ALONE IN THE WORLD	Random House	$2.50	700
Botkin & Harlow, *Eds.*	A TREASURY OF RAILROAD FOLKLORE	Crown	4.00	742
Columbia Ency. Staff	THE COLUMBIA-VIKING DESK ENCYCLOPEDIA	Viking	$7.95/8.95	670
Dean, Gordon	REPORT ON THE ATOM	Knopf	5.00	670
de Iongh, Jane	MARGARET OF AUSTRIA	Norton	4.00	712
Freuchen, Peter	VAGRANT VIKING	Messner	5.00	670
Grattan & Hoffman	NEWS OF THE WORLD	Prentice-Hall	6.00	700
Leakey & Ylla	ANIMALS IN AFRICA	Harper	7.50	764
Mitchell, Carleton	PASSAGE EAST	Norton	5.00	670
Ryan, Cornelius- *Ed.*	CONQUEST OF THE MOON	Viking	4.50	700
Smith, Hervey G.	THE ARTS OF THE SAILOR	Van Nostrand	5.00	670
Spencer, Steven M.	WONDERS OF MODERN MEDICINE	McGraw-Hill	4.00	670
Wellman, William R.	THE HOME WORKSHOP	Van Nostrand	3.75	670
Ylla & Leakey	ANIMALS IN AFRICA	Harper	7.50	764

BOOKS FOR USE BY PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Taylor, Harold	ON EDUCATION AND FREEDOM	Henry Schuman	4.00	764

From time to time we have used this space to notify our subscribers of policy changes in the Juvenile Supplement that have become necessary through a change in our own ideas, your own needs, the tactics of the publishing world, or a combination of all. Now an accumulation of confusions about SERIES has started us off again. Let us see if the following method of reporting and indexing them will bring some order out of the chaos: First, ALL series affiliations of ANY book, whether or not it is primarily advertised as a series book, will be in the report. Second, series will be divided into the classifications of "large" and "small". Large series include those books primarily presented to the trade as volumes in series AND which add five or more titles each year. (Examples: FIRST BOOKS, LANDMARK BOOKS, WONDER BOOKS etc.). Small series include books not primarily presented as series volumes AND which have less than five new titles each year. (Examples: PORTRAITS OF THE NATIONS- Lippincott, FAMILY ACTIVITY BOOKS- Knopf, UNITED STATES BOOKS- Whitman). Series can change character and when they do, we will re-list them accordingly. Books in the large series will be reported as previously, under the series heading, in a single appraisal or book by book. Books in small series will be reported by author, as are single books, but before the publishing house, the name of the series will be listed in italics.

Indexing- the thorn in our side and yours- will be done this way: Large series books will be indexed by series title, except where individual titles have been starred- in which case it will be indexed by author as well, leaving out the series name. And in the JUVENILE CHECK LIST, ALL large series titles and authors will be listed alphabetically under the main series heading. Small series titles will be indexed individually, without series affiliations.

Two changes are being made in the sectioning of the Supplement. The division formerly headed CLASSICS, REPRINTS AND INEXPENSIVE EDITIONS is now REPRINTS and INEXPENSIVE JUVENILES. Here, to rid ourselves of another series bug, we will include, along with reprints and classics, ALL books in large series costing not more than 75¢ per copy, new editions or new books, for any age. If there is a split in age level within a series, it will will be noted in the reports. Where there are both originals and reprints in a series, (WONDER BOOKS do both, for example) or a difference in age grouping (read aloud to easy reading may be spanned in a single output) the books will be placed in the category that define the majority, and specific differences will be mentioned in reports of the ones that do not qualify. This last holds true for any books in large series, whether they go into the expensive section or not. The second change involves the ACTIVITY BOOKS section. We have decided to eliminate it and place all activity books under age groupings with specifications as to how much help will be needed with them.

Thanks for coming this far with us. We hope the new system is a help and that it will last for a long time. Keep this for reference.

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Fitch, Florence Mary — Lothrop, Lee & Shepard
A BOOK ABOUT GOD — Paper over board; $2.00

** A naturalistic concept of God, telling us that he is like all of the good things in our world- warm sun, cooling rain, protecting hills- is beautifully expressed in simple phrases and Leonard Weisgard's large interpretive pictures. Other books by Florence Fitch about religion and its different manifestations have included *One God* and *Allah, The God of Islam* (the latter for older readers). There is an impressive realism and a quiet openmindedness that strongly generates a young person's sense of unity with his surroundings and with the stream of all life. (Publ.53 LC; 53-6735)

EASY READING

Norling, Jo & Ernest — Holt
POGO'S TRUCK RIDE — $1.75

To add to their other informative story books about young John and his dog Pogo, this one tells of their trip with Walt, a motor freighter driver. On their trip from the city to the country, Walt acquaints his passengers with the truckman's lingo and his duties- that include keeping his log as well as stopping for apple pie and milk. And Pogo gets into and out of a minor scrape along the way. Good trucking guide to compare with other books on the subject. Illustrated by Ernest Norling. (2/? LC:54-5802)

REPRINTS AND INEXPENSIVE JUVENILES

Lippincott, Joseph W. — Lippincott
GRAY SQUIRREL — ea. $2.00
STRIPED COAT, THE SKUNK

These two revised editions of Lippincott favorites will be welcomed by his fans. The life cycle stories, if on the calm side, have their own quiet charm and value as nature stories and the black and white illustrations by George Mason are fetching characterizations of animals in their surroundings. (2/~~24~~) 3/24

Giant Golden Book — Simon & Schuster
Publ. — *Paper over board;* $2.95

Fletcher, Steffi and Werner, Jane- *arranged by-* WALT DISNEY'S TREASURY- "*21 Best-Loved Stories*-all the ones you know that Disney has done a la Disney are here collected in a fine anthology. Disney studio pictures adapted by Dick Kelsey are quite lovely, especially the ones in full color reproductions. For a single storehouse of favorites from *Bambi* to *Pinocchio* to *Dumbo*, this should have its ready market, among Disney fans.

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- FICTION

Lenski, Lois — *Roundabout America Stories-* Lippincott
2/~~24~~ 3/24 — ea. $2.00

* PROJECT BOY- The first of these two latest additions to Lois Lenski's series is a very warm and very human story of a small boy's life in a veteran's housing project. Teddy and his parents and baby sister live in two rooms. The family have their drawbacks- Teddy's father lost an eye in the war, his mother *must* squabble with neighbors over the community washing machine, Teddy is often bullied by older boys. Happily though, as in life, there are bright notes to all the sour ones and Miss Lenski's fine sense of reality always comes to the fore. She has done her own drawings for the book. (LC: 53-12834)

* WE LIVE IN THE CITY- Mike the newsboy, Angelo a Shoeshine boy and Shirley a rich penthouse girl are foci for an artistically sensitive story of city life that stretches through the year. The stories of the three children, who live near each other and all have nodding acquaintances, are told separately, but each one enters into the other. Selling papers in the cold winter, Mike tries to get Angelo to help him, sees Shirley come and go in taxi cabs, is given permission by Finnegan the cop to sell papers in a warm restaurant.. Shirley worries about her birthday party, her poodle Fifi, then meets Mike, who is always overjoyed to get what she throws out in the trash barrel, for some pleasant skating in the park.. Angelo's family is evicted, but his father gets another job and Angelo starts to shine shoes in the restaurant with Mike. A vigorous, entirely unsentimental social comment here paints life in its inevitably trying ironies, and its equally inevitable triumphs. A valuable book, again illustrated by the author. (LC: 53-12835)

EIGHT TO ELEVEN- NON-FICTION

Ball, Elsie *Makers of America-* Abingdon-Cokesbury
GEORGE WASHINGTON, FIRST PRESIDENT $1.50

Good elementary factual content plus on-the-scene narration make a companionable and evenly balanced biography of Washington that takes him from the age of eleven, through the familiar incidents of his life. It is standard treatment, with little to differentiate it from other biographies for the age level. As boy, as earnest young surveyor, as a promising soldier with Braddock, as leader of the Continental army and then president, we get a traditional picture of the man. Drawings by Manning de V. Lee. (2/8)

Signature Books- Edited by Enid LaMonte Meadowcroft Grosset & Dunlap
2/? ea. $1.50

Bontemps, Arna- THE STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER - The more adult attitude of this first of *Signature's* new batch of biographies seems to bode good for the series. Though Florence Means' *Carver's George* was a better study of the Negro scientist and though Carver was a man whose life was unquestionably good, Arna Bontemps has done him justice in a friendly, straightforward narrative that does not fall into sentiment. A fault lies in the lack of emphasis on science. There is not as much either of Carver's early fascination with plants or his later performance of the miracle of the peanuts at Tuskegee as Florence Means gives us, but on the whole it is a meaningful account, sure to hold this age group's interest. Illustrated by Harper Johnson.

Leighton, Margaret- THE STORY OF GENERAL CUSTER- Along with the vital statistics of the ill-fated general's life, rendered in *Signature's* traditional narrative style, there is a good picture of the effect a personality can have on a national issue. For the author pictures Custer as a man whose heroism ended the Sioux wars, but she is careful to say that it was an unreasoned love of fighting and fighting "Injuns" that led to his bravery. Lacks in justice and understanding both on the Indians' and the white men's parts are aired side by side with the exciting events. Illustrated by Nicholas Eggenhofer. (LC: 54-5858)

Price, Olive- THE STORY OF CLARA BARTON- Nursing was Clara Barton's bent, if not her realized ambition, from childhood, and to establish this there is a warm picture of Barton home life, with Clara as tomboy and white angel of the family. Moving then into Civil War years and her struggle to get sent to the front, there are enough harrowing details to excite rather than horrify. They make a logical prelude to another struggle, that of establishing the Red Cross in America. Explanations for the reasons why it took so long are weak, but that it did happen is perhaps enough. Ruth Ives' drawings. (LC: 54-5857)

Leeming, Joseph Lippincott
FUN WITH BEADS $3.00

Beads, beads, beads,- all kinds of them and how to make and do all sorts of things with them- are given the onceover in Mr. Leeming's latest how-to volume. Starting off with different types and where to get them, he then launches into methods of weaving and

embroidery, with comments on Indian styles, and of making things that range all the way from a simple necklace to more complicated bags and purses. For a compendium, this is a thorough coverage of beadwork and of value to any of the older age group who want to do it too. Explanatory illustrations by Jessie Robinson. (2/24. LC: 53-5585)

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN FICTION

Appleton, Victor II *The New Tom Swift Jr. Adventure Series-*
1/? Grosset & Dunlap
Ea. 95¢

TOM SWIFT JR. AND HIS FLYING LAB
TOM SWIFT JR. AND HIS JETMARINE
TOM SWIFT JR. AND HIS ROCKET SHIP

The son of a familiar character makes his entrance for this generation (with papa giving directions from the wings and taking occasional curtain calls himself) in a new series of adventures complete with all the old trappings. With Swift Enterprises, the east coast island science outpost, as a base of operations, Tom and his father and his pal Bud effect their forays into the world of scientific advancement and against the enemies of mankind. At 18, Tom is a full fledged inventor. Not only has he got J. Robert Oppenheimer beaten by a mile, but he is phenomenally coolheaded and in possession of all the social graces. And so it is not very difficult for him to prevail over the various people who try in one way or another to gum up the works, which he does in each of the three titles listed above. The first is a re-introduction to Swift Enterprises, with side adventures. In the second, Tom builds a twoman, hydraulic jet sumarine and catches some modern day Caribbean pirates, and in the third he conquers space for the U. S. A. against odds put up by a spy named Rotzog with a base in the Aleutians. So it goes. Dream sequence science in a world of simple solutions where the young like to be but never are. Illustrated by Graham Kaye.

Leonard, Burgess Lippincott
THE ROOKIE FIGHTS BACK $2.50

Pint-sized Hermie Sherman's speed and ingenuity get him a spot with the Lancers, a major league outfit. But once he's in, the manager's enmity and lack of faith almost ruin Hermie, until his big chance comes and he's recognized as the team's potential hub. Baseball straight and home-run true here, with the ins and the outs handled with Leonard's veteran skill. (2/24. LC: 54-5588)

TWELVE TO SIXTEEN- NON-FICTION

Blunden, Godfrey *Portraits of the Nations Series* Lippincott
THE LAND AND PEOPLE OF AUSTRALIA $2.75

An adequate, if uninspired basic text about Australia, by a man who has written adult novels- *A Room on the Route* (1947) and *The Time of the Assassins* (1952)- about Russia and the disasters brought upon her by the Revolution and the German terrorism in 1941. In this switch Mr. Blunden shows he is an able technician. Australia in all its aspects does get a thorough going over. It is orthodox, chapter by chapter, with a concentration first on geography and natural history, then a bit about native customs that is followed by a long chronological account from the first discovery of the continent on up to modern day social and economic customs. Much of it is absorbing for the mere fact that Australia is amazing land, but taken as a whole the book has qualities that make it appear to have been written as a chore. Good reference material. Photographs. (2/24. LC: 54-5589)

Brick, John — Doubleday

THE KING'S RANGERS — $3.75/3.95

Dan Millard is the hero of John Brick's second story of Butler's Rangers and their unenvious role in frontier warfare during the Revolution. There is a convincing identification with the Loyalist side in this rounding out of a story of which only one side is commonly told and the adventure, political issues are perhaps better handled than Dan's incidental romance. Good supplementary reading. (Full report on p. 768. 2/4. LC: 54-4357)

Wibberley, Leonard — Little, Brown

MRS. SEARWOOD'S SECRET WEAPON — $3.50

Proof that a dead Indian is a good Indian is the result of a lighthearted whimsy laid in wartime England. Mrs. Searwood, an entertaining widow, acquires the companionship of Chief White Feather's spirit who does her good turns to the tune of flying over the enemy and finding a new romance. Friendly fantasia. (Full report on p. 769. 2/10. LC: 54-5107)

Albrand, Martha — Random House

NIGHTMARE IN COPENHAGEN — $3.00

A straight-line international affair opens up for American chemist Whitney Parker when he comes to Copenhagen in answer to a cabled appeal. The secret he must discover is a hidden German explosive and the doings to gain that end are written down with diverting craftsmanship and know-how. Good mystery. (Full report on p. 769. 2/?. LC: 53-9716)

Kantor, MacKinlay — World

GOD AND MY COUNTRY — $2.00

There's a Mr. Chips' quality to this deceptively simple story of Lem Siddons, scoutmaster. Quietly, the author has told of a man whose influence permeated a whole Iowa town and who made scouting much more than an extra activity for himself and the boys who came to represent America's best. Strengthening. (Full report on p. 769. 2/8. LC: 54-5543)

NON FICTION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Deutsch, Babette — Dutton

ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MINERAL — $2.75

A charming book of verse in which the poet and critic masters the technique suitable for her half sad, half gay and lightly whimsical moods. The poems here are based on actual experience that leads to a philosophic idea introduced with subtlety and charm. Skillful contemporary verse. (Full report on p. 780. 2/10. LC: 54-5029)

Hunt, Brig. Sir John — Dutton

THE CONQUEST OF EVEREST — $6.00

A must for any mountaineer, in which the leader of the successful Everest expedition has told the story with restraint, a restraint outweighed by the sheer drama of events. Too, his appreciation for and generosity for former achievements make this a tribute to group effort. Illustrated. (Full report on p. 775. 1/18. LC: 54-5825)

Bowles, Chester — Harper

AMBASSADOR'S REPORT — $4.00

The report of a man who became one of our most popular envoys to the Orient because he felt it his duty to know the Indians, the people of Pakistan and of Bengal. His whole family threw themselves into the life around them and it is an appealing personal record. But Bowles also reveals the way we antagonize with our methods, what the Indian leaders themselves feel, and the roads, such as Point Four, open to real accomplishment of self rule and mutual understanding. Photographs. (Full report on p. 775. 1/4. LC: 53-11840)

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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT

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A final wind-up of some 1953 late arrivals in the field of religious books may offer last minute suggestions for Christmas giving. The newcomers- for 1954 - will give you an opportunity to start early in planning for pre-Lenten listings (Ash Wednesday comes late this year- March 3rd- Easter, April 18th).

Ammerman, Alice Byrne- *Ed.* Abingdon-Cokesbury
OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM $.75

This little collection of poems and prayers is designed to bring "comfort for those who have lost a child". These passages were assembled by Mrs. Ammerman on the occasion of the tragic death of her little girl. They have brought comfort to her and she is publishing them with the thought they would serve a like purpose for others similarly bereft. The majority of the poems are by modern and little known authors, but poets such as Whittier, Anslander, Longfellow and Ben Jonson are included. It would be well for pastors to have this little book available for parishioners whose homes have been thus saddened. (1/11)

Butterfield, Herbert Abingdon-Cokesbury
CHRISTIANITY, DIPLOMACY AND WAR $1.75

The author of this book is professor of modern history at the University of Cambridge, England. He also has had a long-standing interest in the role of Christianity in history. Therefore, his discussion of the present international situation and of the part organized Christianity and individual Christians should play in it is based on thoughtful study. He believes that Christian forces can do much to alter the course of history. He is also committed to the establishment of an international order in which communists and non-communist nations would play a part side by side. He opposes what he calls "ideological diplomacy" based on the premise that the extermination of communism is a necessary condition to a peaceful world. A book which deserves more attention that it is likely to get in America's present mood. (Publ.)

Jones, E. Stanley Abingdon-Cokesbury
GROWING SPIRITUALLY $1.50

D. R. 365 daily devotional readings comprise this little book. The fact that they are from the pen of the well known missionary, evangelist and author, Stanley Jones, will in itself commend the book to a wide circle of readers. The daily readings are not disconnected meditations but fit into a well thought-out plan for the exposition of the conditions and methods of spiritual growth. Stanley Jones reflects the current interest in the potency of religious faith to deal with fear, anxiety and tension. He also shares with his readers the techniques and results of the "Ashrams" conducted by him in India, Japan and in this country. Superior to most books designed for daily devotions. The small print used is unfortunate. (Publ. LC: 53-11338)

Meadows, Denis — Appleton-Century- Crofts

OBEDIENT MEN — $3.50

(Report repeated from P. 623 when scheduled for earlier publication, as folllows:) "Neither fiction nor propaganda, but rather a straight-forward account of ten years of Jesuit life, this biographical sketch aims to explode some ideas that are current about the Jesuits. The author objects to sentimental romanticizing about the Society of Jesus, but he also would give the lie to widely held suspicions about the order: that Jesuits have a secret inner-circle bound by oath to obey the superiors' commands no matter what they might be; that Jesuits act on the premise that the end justifies the means. "The Jesuits are not cold, ruthless, Machiavellian intriguers, nor are they ecclesiastical Scarlet Pimpernels dashing about our modern world in disguise," the author says. The purpose of the book is accomplished by means of a factual day by day account of the author's experience as a novice, as a student, as a priest and teacher. One feels throughout the recital that from the beginning Meadows did not have his heart in it. However, it took a reawakened love of his native England and the outbreak of World War I to induce Meadows to leave the order and enlist in the British army. This step was taken with no bitterness, but out of conviction that his life's vocation lay elsewhere. Well written and interesting." (1/15 LC: 53-10090)

Poling, Daniel A. — Association Press

THE ROMANCE OF JESUS — $3.00

This book, originally published in 1931 under the title *Between Two Worlds*, ran through three editions and has long been out of print. Made available once again under a new title, it should attract many readers as Dr. Poling is widely known as the Editor of *The Christian Herald*. His retelling of the life of Christ is simply but graphically done. The Biblical account is followed and taken in its genuinely accepted interpretation. As in the case of the books of Fulton Oursler, there seems to be a demand for Biblical stories in the language of every day speech. (Publ.)

Marvin, Dwight — Crowell

THE FAITH I FOUND — $2.50

The author of this confession of faith is a newspaper man who approached the question of religion as an admittedly hardboiled sceptic, who nevertheless found himself increasingly restless, insecure and lonely, without convictions as to the validity of religious faith. He sets forth in some details what he considers to be a practical, demonstrable and inevitable minimum of a religious faith. This minimum includes the acceptance of the fact of mysticism, its confidence of a Power outside of ourselves which is interested, responsive and intelligent. The minimum involves the interpretation of this Power by the best mystics available, especially Jesus. It also includes the interpretation of Ultimate Reality as a God so friendly that He is best described as the ideal Father. The religious life the author describes is one which is in attunement with God through love for Him and for our fellowman. On the basis of this minimum faith men may build variously elaborated super-structures, but even such a minimum will suffice to dispel the unrest and doubt so rampant in the world today. A book for restless and wistful sceptics. (1/20. LC: 54-5529)

Stevens, William Oliver- *Ed.* — Doubleday

THE INSPIRATIONAL READER — $3.50

D.R. In this book a selection of passages from the Old and New Testaments, topically arranged, has been made for convenient use as devotional reading. Under such headings as "Worship and Thanksgiving", "Faith and Trust", "Courage", "Sin", "Repentance and Redemption", "The Path to Inner Peace" a number of passages in isolated verses are arranged in a very readable typography. The King James Version is used. (1/21. LC: 54-5166)

Kennedy, Gerald- *Ed.* Harper
A READER'S NOTEBOOK $3.95

The Bishop of the Methodist Church in the Los Angeles area is a voracious reader. His sermons and books are liberally sprinkled with apt quotations and illustrations, many of which are culled from his reading. In this volume he has collected and classified some of the quotations and illustrative material that he has gathered from his recent reading. The sources of the selections range from Julius Caesar to Grandma Moses, but Kennedy's favorites seem to be Bennett Cerf, Roland Bainton, Van Wyck Brooks, Winston Churchill, Ralph Korngold, Charles Francis Potter, Paul Scherer, William Temple, and Henry Thoreau. A handy book for preachers and other speakers who do not have time or who do not make time, to read, or who do not have a secretary to put quotable material in readily accessible order. (Publ. LC: 53-8373)

Williams, Albert N. Duell, Sloan & Pearce - L.B.
THE HOLY CITY $6.00

* In an interestingly written and scholarly book, the author presents a history of Jerusalem and Palestine and of the Jewish people in so far as their fortunes have centered in this geographic locale. Beginning at the period of approximately 2000 BC when the Jews were Semitic nomads wandering about the eastern shore of the Mediterranean, the author carries the story through the sojourn in Egypt, the conquest of Canaan, the fortunes of the various kings, the invasions, and conquests, the exile and return with which Bible readers are generally familiar. However the author does not rely entirely on the historicity of the Biblical account. Indeed, he challenges the accuracy of the Bible on many points on the basis of the archeological discoveries that have been made and other historical research. Carrying on through the Christian era to the destruction of Jerusalem, and the dispersion of the Jews, the book tells the story of the successive crusades aimed at wresting the control of the Holy City from the hands of the infidels, and finally brings us to the modern period with its political kaleidescope, concluding with the story of the present dreadful dilemma posed by the conflicting claims of Israel and the Arabs. It is as objective a portrayal as one could expect of a book dealing with explosive material which has been so widely used as propaganda. (2/23. LC: 54-5109)

Crowe, John H. Prentice-Hall
YOU CAN MASTER LIFE $2.95

Judging by this volume of sermons, Dr. Crowe, the pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Denver, belongs to that increasingly large group of ministers who conceive of their ministry as being concerned primarily with the personality problems of their parishioners. One hears much of frustration, fear, confusion and tension on the one hand, and of self-appraisal, self-confidence, peace of mind, on the other. "You are Important", "You can be Happy", "Go Ahead and Worry", "How to Hear Well"- such are his messages, given in an informal, chatty manner. Apparently, this is the kind of message many people like. (1/29. LC: 54-5669)

Kew, Clifton & Clinton Prentice-Hall
YOU CAN BE HEALED $2.95

The authors are identical twins. One is senior psychologist in the clinic of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York; the other is on the staff of the Church of the Ascension on Lower Fifth Avenue, and in charge of the healing services and group therapy there. Both are associated with the Foundation of Religion and Psychiatry, the one as a doctor, the other a clergyman. In this book they outline the principles and techniques of group therapy as applied to problems of the body, the mind, the personality. This is done by a relation of actual experience in their work with exposition of the principles on which they operate. For the increasing number of clergymen and psychiatrists who see clearly the complementary functions of religion and psychiatry this will be an interesting book. For the layman it provides the fellowship of shared problems. (2/23. LC: 54-10935)

Smith, Alson J. Prentice-Hall

IMMORTALITY $3.00

The author writes out of a conviction that the most important question of the day is the age-old one: "If a man die whall he live again?" He also is of the conviction that the answer must be given by science if it is to be accepted by modern man. He then proceeds to examine the scientific evidence for the survival of the personality after death, the findings of psychical research, and the investigations of parapsychology. While rejecting nine-tenths of the phenomena of psychical research as nonsense, he comes to the conclusion that the one-tenth that is not nonsense is world-shaking in its implications and is confirmed by the findings of parapsychology. And so he comes to the affirmative belief, proved scientifically to the author's satisfaction, that man is immortal. A book of especial interest to those who are open minded towards psychical research and parapsychology. (1/25. LC: 54-5681)

MacKinnon, D. M.- *Ed.* St. Martin's Press

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND COMMUNIST FAITH $4.50

This symposium is a production of the Anglican communion, the contributors being all members of the Church of England and allied churches. Its purpose is the controntation of Christian faith and Communist faith in a summary form. The first part of the book is devoted to a study of the Communist creed and the philosophical issues raised by Marxism. As the Bishop of Chichester explains in his introduction, the book takes the position that Communism is a religion, with its god, its holy scriptures, its inquisition and its heretics. It follows then that it can be overcome not by a greater power but by a greater faith. The nature of Christian faith is outlined with emphasis upon the Christian, in contrast to the Communist, doctrine of man, of social justice, of history and of eschatology. The discussion in this book leads the reader deep into the fields of philosophy and theology with the clear indication that only a high theology of the Barthian type will suffice to overcome the revolutionary "theology" of the Marxists. An important book for those equipped to deal with the ideological aspects of the world struggle. (Publ.)

Voss, Carl Hermann-*Ed.* World Publishing

THE UNIVERSAL GOD $5.00

An Interfaith Anthology of Man's Eternal Search For God

* A prodigous amount of labor has been devoted by the author and his wife to the collection and selection of the material included in this valuable anthology. In the midst of the fatalistic resignation to the meaninglessness of life, so characteristic of our era, Dr. Voss introduces us to a host of men and women of all faiths and of all lands and ages who have sought a meaning behind all other meanings. What a varied fare is offered! Here are Platonists and Aristotelians, Augustinians and Thomists, followers of Platinus and Pascal, Kant and Kierkegaard; Jesuits, Calvinists, Lutherans, high churchmen and low, mystics and rationalists; orthodox, conservative and reformed Jews; Mohammedans and Hindus; Kagawa, Gandhi, Tagore as well as men like Niebuhr, Whitehead, Horton, Thurman and Hocking of our own land and generation. It is not intended as a reference book, although it will be valuable as such. Nor is it meant to be a ready aid for ministers, priests and rabbis, although they should welcome it. Rather it is hoped that uncertain, confused people may find new courage by reading a few pages at a time in the midst of their crowded days. Highly recommended for that purpose. (Publ. LC: 53-6645)